Daily Digest
Senate

Chamber Action

Senate met at 11:00:00 a.m. in pro forma session, and recessed at 11:00:28 a.m. until 3 p.m., on Monday, December 8, 2008.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DOMESTIC AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: On Thursday, December 4, Committee continued hearings to examine the state of the domestic automobile industry, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; G. Richard Wagoner, Jr., General Motors Corporation, and Ron Gettelfinger, both of Detroit, Michigan; Robert Nardelli, Chrysler LLC, Auburn Hills, Michigan; Alan R. Mulally, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan; James Fleming, Connecticut Automotive Retailers Association, Simsbury, Connecticut; Keith Wandell, Johnson Controls, Inc., Glendale, Wisconsin; and Mark Zandi, Moody's Economy.com, West Chester, Pennsylvania.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, pursuant to section 2 of H. Con. Res. 440.

Committee Meetings

INDUSTRY PLANS TO STABILIZE THE AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Review Industry Plans to Stabilize the Financial Condition of the American Automobile Industry." Testimony was heard from G. Richard Wagoner, Jr., Chairman and CEO, General Motors Corporation; Robert Nardelli, CEO, Chrysler; Alan Mulally, President and CEO, Ford Motor Company; Ron Gettelfinger, President, United Auto Workers; Gene Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General, GAO; and public witnesses.

2009 BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD BENEFIT: WHAT IT MEANS FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: On December 3, the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held a hearing entitled "2009 Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Benefit: What it means for Federal employees." Testimony was heard from Nancy H. Kichak, Associate Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, OPM; Stephen W. Gammarino, Senior Vice President, National Programs, Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

EMPLOYMENT

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for November 2008, after receiving testimony from Keith Hall, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 8 through December 13, 2008

Senate Chamber

To be announced.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, December 8, hearing to review the role of credit derivatives in the U.S. economy, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, December 11, hearing on the Impact of Recession on States and Local Communities, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, December 10, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Implementation of the CPSIA: Urgent Questions about Application Dates, Testing and Certification, and Protecting Children," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, December 10, hearing entitled "Oversight Concerns Regarding Treasury Department Conduct of the Troubled Assets Relief Program," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government, December 9, hearing on The Role of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in the Financial Crisis, followed by a markup of a committee report regarding President Bush assertion of executive privilege in response to the committee subpoena to Attorney General Mukasey, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, December 8, executive, briefing on Mumbai/Cyber Update, 2 p.m., H–405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, December 11, hearing entitled "Approaching Midnight: Oversight of the Bush Administration's Last-Minute Rulemakings," 10 a.m., room to be announced.